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REPORT.

At a Conference of the officers of the American Congregational Union and of the Congregational Library Association, held at the lecture-room of the Broadway Tabernacle, New-York, September 30th, 1856, for the purpose of hearing a detailed report of the fund originated by the Albany Convention, and of discussing the propriety of taking another similar collection in the American Congregational churches, at which Conference, besides the members above mentioned, several clergymen and others from the West and from other parts of the country were present, and were invited to participate in the deliberations, the following resolutions, presented by Rev. J. P. Thompson, D.D., Chairman of the Committee appointed for this purpose, were adopted:

"1. *Resolved*, That in view of the present necessities of many feeble Congregational churches for aid in building houses of worship, and especially of churches in States and Territories west of the Mississippi, it be recommended that a simultaneous contribution for this object be taken in all the congregational churches throughout the United States, as far as practicable, on the third Sabbath (namely, the 21st day) of *December* next, being the anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth.

"2. *Resolved*, That in order to prepare the churches for this occasion, the Central Committee of the Albany Convention be requested to publish, through the newspapers, the report submitted to the Conference by their Secretary, or extracts therefrom, and also to issue a pamphlet edition of the same, with additional facts and statistics for the use of ministers and others in presenting the object.

"3. *Resolved*, That an Executive Committee of fifteen be appointed by the Chair, to whom the entire contribution shall be sent, and by whom the whole amount shall be apportioned to the several States and Territories; at all meetings for apportioning money, a majority of this Committee shall be necessary to constitute a *quorum*; at other meetings, five shall be a *quorum* for the transaction of business; the Committee shall have power to fill vacancies in their own number; all appropriations shall be *disbursed* by sub-committees appointed by the State Congregational bodies in each State or Territory.

"4. *Resolved*, That the various sub-committees be instructed to send an audited report of their receipts and disbursements to the Executive Committee, annually, until the whole shall be expended; and that the Executive Committee be required to submit the same to a joint meeting of the officers of the Congregational Library Association and the American Congregational Union, duly convened.

"5. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee be authorized to make such rules and conditions for the distribution of the fund as they shall deem expedient."

The second of these resolutions explains the object of this pamphlet. To carry out the wishes of the Conference as thus expressed, and to enable the pastors and members of Congregational churches to decide intelligently the question or the measure of duty in reference to another fund, the leading facts and statistics collected by the Central Committee of the Albany Convention, illustrative of the distribution and results of the previous fund, and of the present wants of the Congregational churches in respect to means of erecting houses of worship, are here embodied in a form convenient for preservation and use.

The Treasurer's Report, and the Statistical Tables presented in connection with the Report of the Central Committee, are thrown into the form of an Appendix for convenience of comparison and reference.

REPORT.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE *of the Albany Convention, presented by their Secretary,* Mr. O. E. WOOD, *at the recent Conference.*

The Central Committee appointed by the Albany Convention of Congregational Pastors and Delegates for the disbursement of the Fifty Thousand Dollar Building Fund for Churches, cheerfully accept the invitation of the officers and members of the Congregational Union and Library Association to lay before them, so far as practicable, a detailed report of the management and results of the important trust confided to them, especially as the Convention omitted to make provision for such report.

This Committee, it may be proper to state, was composed of the following gentlemen, appointed in the order here recorded:

HENRY C. BOWEN, Chairman, Rev. GEORGE B. CHEEVER, D.D.,
Rev. R. S. STORRS, Jr., D.D., S. B. CHITTENDEN,
OLIVER E. WOOD, ISRAEL MINOR,
Rev. N. H. EGGLESTON.

At their first meeting, (Oct. 23d, 1853,) S. B. Chittenden was chosen Treasurer, and Rev. N. H. Eggleston Secretary.

Circulars, to the number of 5000 or over, were distributed to the State Committees, pastors, and others in various Congregational churches throughout the land, with suitable directions and suggestions for the collection and transmission of the Fund.

The measure was warmly advocated by the religious press, and in general, promptly and faithfully presented by the pastors.

So ready was the response of the churches to this appeal, that the amount proposed, large as it seemed, was soon more than realized.

When the amount of 50,000 dollars was at the command of the Treasurer, the State Committees appointed to receive and distribute the same were authorized to draw for their respective amounts, according to the apportionment of the Convention.

By this apportionment the States of Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Iowa, were each entitled to $8000, Indiana and Missouri to $3000 each, and the Territory of Minnesota to $4000.

The portion for the State of Missouri not having been called for

and it appearing upon investigation that this amount would not for many years be needed in that State, the Committee decided, though without delegated authority, to set apart $2000 of it, as mentioned by the Treasurer, for another and more promising field—the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska.

A portion of this sum has already been appropriated to each, and the remainder is ready for distribution, upon the terms prescribed by the Convention. This appropriation for Missouri, and one other, alluded to hereafter, furnish evidence that a more extended correspondence should have been had with the various States and Territories, before the action of the Convention.

Before considering the reports from the States, it is proper to say a few words in explanation of an item of expenditure in the Treasurer's account. (*Appendix*, p. 31.)

Authority was given to the Committee by the Convention, though without providing the necessary means, "to procure and publish a Book of Plans for Church Buildings."

After bestowing much time and labor upon this matter, and conferring with well-known architects, the Committee, finding it impracticable to produce, in accordance with their original idea, a work of moderate size and expense, and at the same time such as would answer the end proposed by the Convention, of assisting the churches to consult at once economy, utility, and taste in the erection of houses of worship, were constrained to accept the generous proposal, made by the chairman and the lamented Mr. Burgess, "to publish the book in a manner acceptable to the Committee, and to meet all the expenses incident thereto, reïmbursing themselves from sales,"—a result which, we understand, is likely to be far in the future, if, indeed, the undertaking does not ultimately involve them in serious loss.

The Committee, in these circumstances, and with a view to furnish, gratis, some of the more needy churches preparing to build, voted to purchase one hundred and fifty copies at the cost price of five dollars each, and in so doing, felt that they were carrying out the wishes of the Convention, and at a less expense than would be practicable in any other way.

It may be proper here to state that the whole cost, to this Committeee, of managing this fund of $61,891 has been but $517.96 or less than seven eighths of one per cent—a proportion, they feel confident, comparing favorably with the operations of any of the Benevolent Societies of the day.

REPORTS FROM STATE AND TERRITORIAL COMMITTEES.

Immediately after the calling of the recent Conference, the Secretary of the Central Committee, in order to secure as full information as possible in respect to the distribution and results of the fund, to lay before that meeting, issued the following circular to the several members of the different State Committees.

57 Broadway, New-York, August 21, 1856.

Dear Sir:—The Central Committee, appointed by the late Albany Convention, to disburse the fifty thousand dollars building fund, are desirous of rendering some account of their stewardship.

An opportunity will be afforded, at a meeting of the officers of the "Congregational Library Association," and of the "American Congregational Union," which is to be held in Brooklyn on the 20th September prox., at which our Committee are invited to present a statement of the results of this fund.

To this end it is necessary that accurate and detailed reports should be made to us, of the whole amount received and expended by your State Committee, and that such report be sent to the subscriber *as soon as possible.*

Let it embrace answers to the following questions, with such additional facts as will be of interest to the contributors:

First.—How many churches in your State were aided from the fund; their names; the amount to each, and whether loaned or donated?

Second.—How much has your church raised or secured, in addition to their grant?

Third.—How many churches have been formed in consequence of this aid?

Fourth.—How many houses of worship were built as a direct consequence of this movement, but without its pecuniary aid, and their names?

Fifth.—How many churches aided have settled pastors?

Sixth.—Give number of members, worshippers, and Sabbath-School scholars.

Seventh.—How many have enjoyed revivals?

Eighth.—What is the present need of help in your State?

Ninth.—What is your opinion regarding another and larger collection in all the churches, at an early date?

If not practicable to respond to all these points with entire accuracy, estimate as near as you can.

I send a copy of this letter to each of your Committee, that there may be *no delay* in receiving your report, which I trust will be here before the 10th September.

Please assure yourself that one of your Committee attends to it without fail.

Truly yours,

O. E. Wood, *Secretary Central Committee.*

It is to be regretted that in consequence of the limited time afforded the States to respond to this circular, these reports are, in many particulars, necessarily incomplete. It was hoped that further returns would be received in season to be embodied in this pamphlet. But little information, however, has come to hand additional to that presented at the Conference.

The statistical details furnished by these reports, are presented in tabular form in the Appendix, while in this place it is proposed

to give brief summaries of the results for the several States, together with large extracts from the reports of the State Committees, and from other correspondence, in illustration of the mode in which the funds have been managed, and of the past and prospective wants of the Congregational churches.

MINNESOTA.

The only report received from this Territory, furnished by Rev. R. Hall, now of Prescott, Wisconsin, contains the following:

"In regard to the four thousand dollars which were apportioned to Minnesota, I have to say that no portion of it has yet been expended. I know of only one Congregational church that is yet completed in the Territory—that at St. Anthony. This church applied for three hundred dollars, which was advanced them on personal security; but as they did not comply with the conditions, in regard to 'completing their house free from all debts and encumbrances,' they received no aid. There are at least three Congregational churches now in process of erection—one at Faribault, Rice county; one at Monticello, Wright county; and one at Sauk Rapids, Benton county; each of which will probably in a week or two apply for three hundred dollars. There are some twelve or fourteen more churches, which have been recently organized in the Territory; many of them will, doubtless, apply for aid next year, and others probably will be organized very soon. The prospect now is, that the four thousand dollars will be used up very soon."

This is the Territorial appropriation previously alluded to in connection with Missouri.

WISCONSIN.

Rev. Mr. Miter, in inclosing a full statistical report of the fund in this State, (see *Appendix*, p. 32,) says:

"We made appropriations to *forty-five* societies, amounting to $7,862.50.

"Thirty-seven of these have completed their houses of worship, and are free from debt.

"The total amount which we have paid to these and to three others, included in the forty-five, (who have been paid in part,) is $6581. In this is included $300 *loaned* to the Congregational church of *Racine;* and this is the only church to which a loan was made.

"The total amount raised by these thirty-seven societies, whose edifices are finished and free from debt, is $33,320, including $5000 raised by the society in Racine.

"*Five* out of the forty-five societies have not received any part of their appropriations, not having yet met the conditions required by the Albany Convention. *Three* others, which make up the forty-five, have received a part of their amount.

"At the commencement of our labors we determined to hold the societies to a strict fulfillment of the conditions laid down by those who placed the fund in our hands. By so doing we have secured the erection of thirty-seven churches, free from all encumbrance. Many of these houses of worship would not have been commenced up to this time, but for the appropriations. Some would *never* have been built, and others would have remained embarrassed with debt for years.

"There are 1628 members connected with these forty-five churches, so far as ascertained.

"The average attendance upon the Sabbath is 4276.

"The number of scholars in the Sabbath-schools is reported at 1491.

"It should be remembered, however, that it is nearly a year since these reports were made to us. Last winter the churches in our State were quite generally blessed with *revivals*, and had we now full reports from all, the membership would doubtless show a considerable increase.

"In answer to your third inquiry I would say, *most* of these churches had an existence before the fund was ready for distribution. So far as my information extends, not more than four or five were organized as the immediate effect of the fund.

"In reply to your fourth question, I know of *no* church which has been erected as the immediate result of this movement, without receiving aid from the fund.

"I know of but two of these churches that have 'settled pastors,' but a good proportion enjoy the labors of devoted and efficient ministers. But few 'settled pastors' can be found among all the infant churches of the West.

"I can not say how many have enjoyed seasons of revival. I know *three* of them have, and probably a much greater number than this.

"You can judge of the 'present need' of help in our State, when

I inform you that in six weeks after we were ready to receive applications, the amount applied for was more than *eleven thousand* dollars, and new applications continued to come in long after the whole amount had been pledged.

"The opinion of our Committee is, that a much larger sum than 8000 dollars could be judiciously expended.

"There is a vast extent of country lying north-west of the Wisconsin River, which is rapidly filling up, and must be supplied with convenient houses of worship.

"Besides, there are many feeble societies in the older counties, that would be stimulated to erect churches, if they could have the promise of a little aid. We have been astonished to witness the efforts which these feeble societies have made to raise subscriptions, where they had the promise of no more than one or two hundred dollars. On the strength of such a pledge, they have raised six to eight hundred dollars, when without it they would have done nothing.

"In all cases where we have advanced a part of the money pledged, we have required a joint note, not from the trustees, but from individual members of the society on their own responsibility. These notes have not been given up, and balance of appropriation paid, until the following certificate was filled and signed:

"*Milwaukee*, 185

"We, the undersigned, trustees of the Congregational church of hereby certify that the house of worship built by this society is now completed, and that the ground upon which it stands is owned by the society, free and clear of encumbrances, and that there are no mechanics' liens against the house, or debts outstanding that can be made a lien against the aforesaid house of worship, or the land upon which it stands.

"The whole cost of the house and lands is $

"Amount received from Committee is $

} *Trustees.*

"I hereby certify to the correctness of the above statement.

, *Minister.*"

We have thus given at length this very satisfactory report, that it may be seen how the work is done.

Although the statistics are incomplete, in 31 of the 45 churches,

the increase of church members has been for the *last year*, 327 on 1040, or 32 per cent.; and on the average attendance of the congregations in 24 churches reported, 775 on 2410, or exactly the same per centage.

OHIO.

Rev. Mr. Hart, Chairman of the Committee in Ohio, in sending a portion of the statistics, writes: "The accompanying table (see *Appendix*, p. 33) will show how the funds intrusted to our care have been appropriated. From this it will appear that of the $8000, $7755 have been appropriated to 29 churches, of which $6855 have been paid over, and $900 (the balance) is retained; $600 of which will soon be called for, and $300, the amount to Parkman Church, not being wanted, will be placed elsewhere.

"It also appears that 31,715 dollars have been raised by the people of the 24 congregations which have received their amounts, and the other four, whose subscription is blank, will increase it to about $40,000.

"This sum is the amount subscribed at the time of making the applications, and will probably be raised considerably when we receive replies to our letters to the several churches.

"In some cases application was made before the plan of house was determined. This will account for blanks in the column which gives the size of house. Some were referred to a committee for personal investigation and change of plan. The Secretary and Treasurer is now absent from the State, and papers are not all in my hands. This will account for blanks in the amount raised in Springfield, Rawsonville, and Middlefield, all of which are known to have provided much more than twice the amount appropriated. Fire, flood, and railroad enterprise have so reduced the means in Parkman, that they will not build at present.

"I can make no statement in respect to the size of the congregations aided. Statements in the applications had reference to the populations to be influenced. Meetings before building were usually held in school-houses, and applicants could only conjecture what the congregation would be when their house should be built.

"Should a renewed effort be made, this State will greatly increase its contribution. Before, we were unorganized, scattered,

and unaccustomed to act together. One of the happiest effects of the fund in this State is the influence it has exerted in drawing us together and bringing us into fellowship with each other, and with our brethren east and west."

In twenty out of the twenty-nine churches aided in this State, we find there are 768 members, averaging 38 to each.

IOWA.

The Secretary of the Committee, Rev. D. C. Sheldon, in sending a schedule of the appropriations for this State, (see *Appendix*, p. 33,) says: "We have applications on hand for near $1000, and by the list of churches *wanting* aid, which I send, your Committee will see that at least $30,000 ought to be had for our growing State alone, for the next two or three years. Had the circular come to hand in time to have procured full reports from churches aided, the exhibit would have been truly encouraging to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ. The good done by this timely aid, can hardly be estimated here on earth, and those of the Committee who had charge of and distributed the funds, can best tell how they felt while receiving applications, with a history of wants of these feeble churches, and husbanding the funds so that the greatest good could be secured."

Since this report was forwarded, the Secretary has received the minutes of the General Association of Iowa, recently held at Grinnell, at which the following resolutions were adopted in reference to another building fund:

"*Resolved*, 1. That the vast benefits conferred by the Building Fund raised under the auspices of the Albany Convention of 1852, justify the proposition for raising the sum of $100,000 for similar purposes.

"*Resolved*, 2. That we approve the calling of a convention, or a meeting of the American Congregational Union, the ensuing autumn, to advance this object, and to promote the general interests of the cause of Christ in connection with the Congregational churches.

"*Resolved*, 3. That, should there be a failure to carry forward the plan of raising a general fund of $100,000, the Committee of the Iowa Church Building Fund be authorized and instructed to undertake the raising of $20,000 for this State; and that it be recommended to the churches of this Association to take up a collection for this object on the first Sabbath in January, 1857."

The benefits of the fund to Iowa are clearly illustrated in the

following communication to the Secretary, from Rev. O. Emerson, of Cedar Rapids, in which he details facts that have fallen under his own observation :

"I was located as stated supply at Sabula, Jackson Co. The village numbered 400 souls. Previous to the erection of our house of worship we had for six years met in an upper chamber, which was usually crowded, and in seasons of special interest would not contain the people. In this situation our labors were greatly hindered. We could not, for want of room, when we commenced to build, hold a protracted meeting, or make other special efforts to promote religion. The church all told numbered about sixty members, but three quarters of these lived at a distance in the country, and could attend in the village very irregularly. We drew from the fund one hundred dollars. Some personal friends abroad gave us seventy-five dollars. Without this aid we could have had no courage to proceed. With this we erected a neat and commodious edifice, worth at least eleven hundred dollars. We commenced a protracted meeting in connection with the dedication, which resulted in at least twenty hopeful conversions. The stated congregation was at once increased at least fifty per cent. Without the house we could have had no protracted effort, and probably no revival. As I was called to my agency immediately after, we obtained an efficient pastor, which we could hardly have done without a house of worship.

"Members living in the country, felt that they needed a house of worship as well as those in the village. They could not build without aid from abroad. This they could not have, without organizing a church. They immediately selected a site five miles from town, and agreed to organize a church as soon as the house of worship was commenced. The same sum ($175) was obtained for the little colony, and operations commenced. In the course of a year a house was completed and paid for, at a cost of seven hundred dollars. A church of twenty-two members was organized. The ordinary congregation was at once increased at least forty per cent. A village of thirty families has grown up around the meeting-house, of whom only one was there when the enterprise commenced. One interesting revival has been enjoyed, and the house has been occupied for public worship nearly every Sabbath, since its completion.

"In a settlement six miles south of this, and eight miles from

Sabula, was a little branch of our church, consisting of ten members. Before the above enterprises were completed, they began to bestir themselves, and felt confident that with the same amount of aid they could build a house, and sustain Gospel ordinances as an independent church. The Committee pledged the sum of two hundred dollars, on condition that this should be done within a reasonable time. In little more than a year a house costing more than six hundred dollars was completed and paid for, a church of twelve or fifteen members organized, and a stated minister obtained. As no stated preaching on the Sabbath had ever been enjoyed there, nothing can be said of the increase of the congregation. Stimulated by the offer of assistance, almost every man in the township contributed to the work. Aid from the fund built the house, gathered the congregation, organized the church, and located the minister.

"In still another township, ten miles from Sabula, there was a little cluster of six or eight members nominally connected with our church, to whom I could preach and administer ordinances only at distant intervals. Incited by what they saw at the other places, the question arose whether they too might not have a church and a place of worship. With reference to this a church was organized of sixteen members. The requisite amount was readily subscribed to build a house; but the enterprise failed because the people were utterly at variance as to the proper location. The discussion and dispute ended in a resolution of one of the parties to build a *school-house* full as large as the contemplated house of worship. That house is now finished, and the church is there accommodated, and a stated minister employed. But for the effort to build a meeting-house, which the offer of help called forth, no *such* school-house would have had a being.

"The church at Lyons has a house of worship which cost two thousand dollars. The place has now more than two thousand people. When the fund was raised it had less than three hundred. The offer of assistance was the only inducement to raise a subscription at that time. It is now the only Protestant house of worship in the place. They received three hundred dollars from the fund.

"When the fund was raised there was at Savanna, (Ill.,) on the Mississippi, opposite Sabula, a little church of six members. They had no increase for several years, and were so disheartened that,

but for *one circumstance* they would have been ready to disband. Soon after their organization they secured a choice building-lot for a house of worship. This had increased in value, and not knowing what to do with it, they felt compelled to maintain their corporate existence, if only to discharge the trust reposed in them. When the Albany Convention was proposed, and a building fund named as one of its objects, they aided to defray my expenses to the Convention, in hopes that I might say a word in favor of the project. As soon as the fund was raised they circulated their subscription and made application in all haste, fearing the portion appropriated to their State would be all distributed. It was, I believe, all disbursed at the first meeting of the Committee. This church, however, obtained two hundred and fifty dollars. Their church property is worth at least fifteen hundred. Their lot is regarded as the best for the purpose in the place. Under the same stimulus subscriptions were circulated at one or two other points, but our fund was exhausted, and the work ceased.

"If called now to state the benefits derived from this appropriation, I would say:

"1. It has greatly increased the amount of ministerial labor enjoyed by these churches. Ministers coming to the West, and anxious to preach *will* give a preference to those places where the people can be comfortably convened.

"2. But for this offer of assistance, more than one of these churches would, for the present at least, have had no existence.

"3. The number of stated worshippers has been increased in these congregations on an average nearly or quite one half.

"4. The amount contributed to sustain the Gospel has been increased in a still greater proportion.

"5. A deep interest in the object of aiding feeble churches in this matter has been elicited, and these congregations will, before many years, it is believed, pay back to the treasury all they have received from it.

"6. The increased amount contributed to sustain the ministry, has already saved a large sum to the Home Missionary treasuries.

"7. These houses of worship form a bond of union among the members of our churches, while the trial of their strength has developed their resources, led them to love each other, and given assurance of permanence and success.

"8. Wordly men who do not love the Gospel for its own sake,

and are not influenced by religious considerations, are brought under our influence by these signs of outward prosperity.

"9. These houses of worship being often the only public buildings in the places where they are located, are frequently used for temperance, railroad, educational, and other purposes of general interest, thus being greatly useful to the people, and securing influence to the churches.

"10. These houses, when not needed by ourselves, have been occupied by other denominations. For this or some other reason, they have learned to treat us with more respect than formerly. How far this is an advantage, is known to those who have had experience. In the whole region above referred to, with one exception only, these houses erected by aid from the building fund, are the only houses of public worship ever yet built by any denomination, *except by the Catholics.*

"11. This effort of the Congregationalists has been very valuable as an inducement to other denominations to make similar efforts in behalf of their own feeble churches.

"In conclusion, we say that the need of aid in this direction is greater than ever before. There is in the West but one opinion on the subject, namely, that during the last five years, no equal sum has done more for the West and the world, than this same Church Building Fund. The need of a new fund is *felt* as it never could have been but for the former contribution. The feeble churches have a sense of want that is very depressing."

A list has been forwarded to the Central Committee, of over thirty places in Iowa, which are represented as likely to need aid within twelve months.

Mr. Lambrite, Treasurer of the State Committee, writes: "We must have at least twenty or twenty-five thousand dollars to supply our churches for the next two or three years. Had lumber been in the country, the whole amount appropriated to our State would have been called for long before it was. Now that building material can be got at so many points, we feel quite certain that our estimate of wants is full as little as we dare make it."

MICHIGAN.

The report from Rev. L. Smith Hobart, and Rev. A. S. Kedzie, of the State Committee, is very satisfactory, and affords evidence of

the thorough and business-like manner in which the fund for that State has been managed. The statistics of this report (see *Appendix*, p. 34) are the only complete details which have been presented by any of the State Committees. From this report we gather the following facts:

The sum of $8000 appropriated to this State was immediately invested at seven per cent., and with the interest, $560, has been distributed to thirty-three religious societies, to aid in the erection of houses of worship. Of these, twenty-two are completed, and eleven are in various stages of progress. They range in size from 36 by 24 to 60 by 40 feet. The donations averaged to each church $259. The total amount in addition subscribed by the societies was $45,727, ranging from $300 to $2840 each.

Number of members of these churches, 1582, ranging for each church from five to sixty. Sabbath-school scholars, 1405; average attendance of congregation, fifty to two hundred. Total, 3690. Total number of sittings, 8958. All these churches except one have a ministerial supply, though as yet, *none* of them have settled pastors. Forty-six places are reported as needing meeting-houses within a few years. Revivals of religion have been enjoyed in five of these churches since they began to build their houses of worship. The Rev. Mr. Hobart remarks:

"The present need in this State of another fund in church building is very great. With such a fund, we think, within the next three years, there would be undertaken the erection of as many houses of worship as during the last three.

"In our opinion, the raising of another and larger building fund is desirable; and if accomplished, will prove to be of incalculable value to the cause of Christ in the West.

"The inclosed circular (see *Appendix*, p. 35) will show the mode in which we have proceeded in the distribution of the fund in Michigan.

"The whole amount of expense incurred by the Committee in their work, and which was paid from the interest of the fund, is $106.88."

Mr. Hobart also says in a note to the Secretary: "From fifteen to twenty houses have been built by other denominations *apparently* in consequence of this movement among us."

ILLINOIS.

Rev. Mr. Bascom, Chairman of the State Committee, in making the report for Illinois, after giving a list of the churches aided, and the sum appropriated to each, (see *Appendix*, p. 36,) remarks:

"Of the above appropriations, $750 were in the form of loans without interest, for which the Committee took notes against the trustees of the society or church receiving the money. The N. E. Church, Chicago, and the Puritan Church, Chicago, and the Free Church of Ottawa, received in this way each $250. There is not a prospect of a return of these sums soon, if ever. The Committee have been solicited already by some of these churches to change the loan into a donation. The prospects of the church at Newburg have been entirely changed since they received the appropriation, by the location of a railroad depot, and the springing up of a flourishing village, and a promising Congregational church within one mile of their site. They have therefore sold their house to the Old-School Presbyterians, to be removed to the new village, and from the first installment paid, have promised to refund the amount received from the Committee. Several new applicants are eagerly awaiting this sum when it shall be at our disposal."

After giving in detail such particulars respecting the churches aided as had come to the knowledge of the Committee, Mr. Bascom gives a summary of the facts as follows:

"Number of churches in Illinois aided from the fund,	39
Aggregate of appropriations to them,	$8,363 03
Largest appropriation,	250 00
Smallest appropriation,	100 00
Average, about	214 00
Total cost of houses erected by aid from the fund, exclusive of the donation,	$70,650 00
No. of members connected with these churches,	1,757
No. of attendants on worship in these houses,	4,562

"It is impossible for your Committee to say how many churches have been built without aid, as an indirect result of this church-erection fund. But facts like this are of no rare occurrence: In a town on Fox River there was no Congregational church organization. A few members residing there, and in the vicinity, went to the next town for church privileges. An unconverted man in

that place, hearing of the fund raised to aid in such cases, aroused his friends and neighbors to form some plan and make some arrangements for building a house, so as to obtain the aid provided, and thereby secure a place of worship. They organized a society and procured a lot, and applied for aid just after it had all been appropriated. But they had begun, and they would not give up. Now they have a neat brick church, which cost $5000, a minister, and an intelligent congregation. The fund has greatly improved the style of church architecture, and has stimulated other denominations to greater efforts to provide neat and commodious houses of worship. It has deepened the impression in all our new villages and settlements, that a comfortable house of worship is one of the earliest and most urgent necessaries of life. But our present and prospective wants are greater than ever before. The unprecedented growth of our State within the last two years has brought into existence settlements and towns almost innumerable. Some 1500 miles of railroad have been suddenly put in operation, much of it running through sections of great fertility, but before sparsely settled, and far removed from markets. Along the line of these roads villages almost without number have sprung up, and become centres of trade and of influence. If religious organizations exist at all in these villages, they are feeble, and need to be strengthened for a time by foreign aid. With a little timely assistance, they will speedily gain strength, and become firmly established and influential in moulding society. But without aid, in many cases, there will be wanting the courage and confidence, as well as pecuniary means, to attempt to erect houses of worship. This neglected, the Sabbath is soon desecrated, and all the moral power of the community to repress vice and irreligion is entirely gone.

"It is believed by your Committee that at least fifty different places of worship in our State now stand ready to present their claims, as soon as a new fund shall be provided. At least forty are known to the Committee as intending so to do, and a list of them is now before us. The number will be increasing for the next year or two very rapidly.

"Many of the churches in Illinois, aided by the former fund, will be liberal donors to the next. Indeed, the Committee are not without hope that our State will raise as much as she will need to receive of the fund contemplated. We pledge the hearty coöperation of our churches in devising and executing liberal things."

INDIANA.

From the report for this State furnished by Rev. M. A. Jewett, we learn that five churches have been assisted by donations to the amount of $1350, and loans amounting to $1500. (See *Appendix*, p. 35.) Of the money loaned $585.33 (including interest) has been returned, leaving now in the treasury $735.33. The sum of $1000 still remains loaned on interest to the church at Terre Haute.

The report adds: "Applications have been made, and conditional appropriations pledged, sufficient to absorb all that is left in the treasury. The churches to whom pledges have been given have not complied with *all* the requisitions of the State Committee. This will, however, be shortly done, when the money on hand will be exhausted.

"All the churches aided have raised from two to four times the amount given them, have completed their houses, and are free from debt. Of all the churches aided, or expecting assistance in a short time, not one, excepting the church at Terre Haute, would have been able to complete a house of worship by themselves. But with the assistance rendered all will have neat, comfortable houses, finished and free from debt. These churches have either settled pastors or regular supplies.

"I am not able to answer your sixth question, except in general terms. From reports sent in we are informed of the prosperity, hopefulness, and increase of the churches aided. The wants of our State have rather increased than diminished by what has been done—a knowledge of the existence of a fund to aid feeble churches stimulated those who have been aided to great personal efforts. And now the same spirit exists, and other calls will soon be made. The fact is, the Albany Convention gave life, direction, and union to the Congregational elements scattered through the State. The results, only partially consummated, have been churches organized, buildings erected, and pastors settled. And now the same influence is still at work, to be developed, not as rapidly as in those States having a strong New-England preponderance, but as fast, perhaps, as is safe and healthy.

"Connected with two of the churches aided there are two literary institutions, having a large number of students, and embracing

very nearly a collegiate course of study, whose perpetuity and present prospects have been mainly dependent upon the small amount given to the churches for building purposes. Congregationalism, which founded these institutions, in the end would have been absorbed, or died, while now it has life, name, and locality. Still other work, similar in kind, remains to be done. In fact, I am not certain but in this State it would have been better had there been no Congregational Convention, unless the same assistance is continued, to give life and gather the scattered Congregational elements found in this State. We need an *increase* rather than a diminution of funds."

We have thus given quite fully the information furnished by the several State Committees in regard to the distribution and results of the original Fund of Fifty Thousand Dollars.

SURPLUS FUND.

It was found, when all the collections were paid in, that there was a surplus over and above the $50,000, amounting, interest included, to $11,891.

Previous to its distribution, the Secretary, Mr. Eggleston, being about to remove from the city, resigned his place in the Committee, when the present incumbent was elected Secretary, and subsequently Rev. J. P. Thompson, member of the Committee.

The management, and for the most part, the direct distribution to applicants, of this additional fund, greatly enhanced the labors of the Committee; and to avoid the necessity of consuming so much of the time of the pastors and other members, as well as to respond with all desirable promptness to the numerous applications, the disposal of the surplus fund was committed to the Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary, subject to the sanction of the whole Committee.

In discharging this somewhat delicate trust, the sub-committee have been mainly governed by the rules laid down by the Convention for the distribution of the 50,000 dollars.

A circular was addressed to each church desiring aid, embracing the following terms on which applicants might participate in the Fund:

1. The aid asked must be for the benefit of a *Congregational* church or society, and one not on the plan of union.

The name of such church or society should be given in full, together with its precise location.

2. The church or society, in order to receive aid from the Surplus Fund, must own its house of worship and the land on which it stands, in fee simple.

3. With the aid that may be granted by the Committee, such church or society must be free from debt or encumbrance on account of its house of worship.

4. Applications for aid must be made in form by the trustees of the church or society asking aid, accompanied by a certificate of compliance with the above requisitions, the same to be attested by two well-known and responsible names.

By vote of the Central Committee.

As there have been many unsuccessful applications it is here proper to state:

1. The Committee decided as a *general rule*, to give preference to churches in States not receiving a portion of the original fund, the exceptions being those churches whose claims were particularly urgent, and which had no opportunity of being heard by the State Committee, in consequence of the very *early* disposition of their fund, in some cases, it is believed, at the first or second sitting.

2. Applications from Canada were declined, as not coming within the field committed to us.

3. Believing, from the best sources of information, that many of the churches in New-England and the Middle States were really as feeble and destitute as many of the sister churches at the West, and daily "diminishing" in that which constitutes the riches of the latter—their active, intelligent youth—the Committee have not hesitated to give them a fair share of the small surplus fund.

In some few cases, the Committee have been reluctantly constrained to withhold appropriations, where the applicants found it impossible to comply with the prescribed conditions, particularly that relating to freedom from debt.

In one or more instances, the effort made to raise an amount sufficient to entitle them to the appropriation, was so greatly blessed, that they were no longer applicants, but with grateful feelings for the impulse given, cheerfully relinquished their claim in behalf of those less favored.

The portion of the fund received by churches in Maine and Vermont was distributed to them through committees appointed in those States.

VERMONT.

Four churches in this State received aid from the fund, to the aggregate amount of $800. The total cost of the houses erected was about $7200. Two of these churches have settled pastors. The aggregate average congregations for the four amounts to 425. Particular information was given to the Committee respecting each, showing that their claim upon the fund was especially urgent. (For statistics see *Appendix*, p 37.) In reference to one of them, the Rev. Mr. Stone, Secretary of the State Commitee, writes:

"The church at Plainfield had been so reduced and enfeebled in consequence of emigration and the death of members, that it was feared it would be entirely broken up. But immediately upon receiving assurance of aid, measures were commenced for erecting a meeting-house, and in January, 1855, the house was completed and dedicated, and I know not the house in any small country parish, that is so thoroughly built, so symmetrical in its proportions, so beautifully finished, so conveniently warmed and ventilated, and so economical in expense. It is emphatically a model house. Soon after the house was finished a pastor was installed."

MAINE.

The amount for Maine was increased from time to time, until the State Committee had received sixteen hundred dollars.

The statistics of the ten churches receiving this appropriation, (see *Appendix*, p. 37,) show 552 members, 1165 average attendance, and 552 Sunday scholars—all but one having pastors settled or as supplies. In five of them, revivals have been recently enjoyed, and in three others, some conversions, and hopeful signs of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. Dr. Tappan, in his report, after giving a minute statement of the condition of the several churches aided, remarks: "All these are missionary churches of very limited pecuniary resources, and the money in every instance has been paid or promised as a gift, not as a loan. The ministers of most of these churches are employed as stated supplies. I do not know that any churches have been formed in consequence of the building of these houses

of worship, nor that the building of them has occasioned the building of others without pecuniary aid.

"There is, beyond question, in this State, urgent need on the part of Congregational churches already existing, and of others which we may hope will be organized, of more help for church building. Nearly *one half* of our churches are unable to receive the preaching of the Gospel without aid from our Missionary Society, and in a large number of towns and settlements, *no* Congregational church has yet been organized. As our missionary work advances and new fields are occupied, new houses of worship will be needed in places where the people will *not* be able to build without assistance."

In reference to the proposed effort to raise another fund, Dr. T. expresses a decided opinion in favor of it; "not, however," he remarks, "for the Western States exclusively, but for the *whole* country. Many of our Congregational societies in Maine, are as poor as are those in Wisconsin, Iowa, etc., and have not as fair prospects of bettering their condition. And why should so large an appropriation have been made to *Missouri*, where there is but one Congregational society, and that in a prosperous condition, while the Eastern States received nothing but from the surplus?

'Let it be understood at the beginning, that the $100,000 are to be raised, to aid in building up feeble societies of our denomination throughout the land. It will be, as it strikes me, adopting the correct principle, and will call forth more liberal contributors, than if it should be raised for the West only."

All other appropriations from the surplus fund were granted directly by the Committee, to individual churches, 29 in number, twenty-seven of which have received their amount. The other three are not yet in circumstances to avail themselves of their appropriation.

NEW-YORK.

Of the churches thus aided, twelve are in the State of New-York. (See *Appendix*, p. 37.) These have received in the aggregate $3458; the total cost of the houses erected by nine of them is $26,700. With these nine are connected 521 members, congregations numbering in all 1350, and 545 Sabbath-school scholars. Three of them have settled pastors, and three stated supplies.

A few extracts from letters received from some of these churches, will show more definitely the effects of the assistance rendered in particular cases.

Rev. Mr. Northrup, from the Congregational church, West-Java, New-York, writes: "Our house of worship in all probability would not have been built without this aid. The church was organized two years since. Additions have been made to it at each communion since, with two exceptions. The building committee and trustees wish me to express their gratitude for the aid received. It has been appreciated, and the earnest prayer of this little church is, that the consequences of this aid may be realized in more extended revival results. We are constrained to say: 'Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.'

"Reflecting on the happy results of the late fund, I can not but believe that God is moving the hearts of our churches, to make another effort for securing another and larger collection. From my own personal knowledge of the invaluable benefit of the $300 you assigned to us, I must believe that earth has no scales to weigh the aggregate good already resulting. Our brethren can not speak of the aid rendered without tears of gratitude. Three years ago, there was no church organization here, no house of worship, no preaching, except an occasional sermon which I gave them from my then pastoral duty at another place."

The pastor of the First Congregational church, Syracuse, N. Y., writes: "With the aid of your fund we erected, eighteen months ago, our present chapel on the rear of our lot, reserving the front lot for our main edifice when needed. Our chapel will seat from 400 to 450 persons comfortably, and at the time of its erection we supposed it would be large enough to accommodate us for four or five years. But so rapid has been the increase of our congregation, that the place is already "too straight for us." We shall soon be compelled to erect our main edifice. The wants of our city and of our growing church, impose upon us this necessity. Our present means are limited, and we shall be constrained to look elsewhere for aid to a considerable extent. We are located in a region where the Congregational churches have nearly all been delivered over to the Presbyterian body by the Plan of Union.

"We regarded our experiment of a simple Congregational church in this city as a doubtful one at the outset, but our history

thus far, and our prospects for the future, have almost wholly removed these doubts.

"This church last winter enjoyed a precious revival, as the result of which 57 individuals united with the church, 47 of them on profession of their faith.

"We shall hail with joy, and aid to the extent of our ability in the collection of a still greater sum for a similar purpose."

Rev. Mr. Burgess, for the Congregational church, Little Valley, N. Y., says: "The church here, may be said, perhaps, to have been saved from extinction as a consequence of the surplus fund. Since, had it not been for aid received from that fund, it is probable that our church edifice would not have been built, and had it not been built, it is likely that the church itself would have been disbanded ere this. The prospect is now more favorable than ever, for a healthy growth and a permanent existence.

"I should be of the opinion that another and larger collection is demanded by the interest of Christianity, and especially the Congregational section of the Church of Christ."

Rev. H. T. Cheever, for the Congregational church, Greenport, L. I., says: "Unless the debt had been paid through my exertions and the timely aid of your fund, the edifice would have been lost and the church probably disbanded; now the church edifice is secure. I am strongly of the opinion that there should be another building fund attempted and can pledge my church here (Jewett City) in aid of the same."

CONNECTICUT.

In this State, the sum of $1050 was distributed among four churches, which embrace in all 182 members and have 200 scholars in the Sabbath-schools. The four church edifices erected cost about $13,800. (See *Appendix*, p. 37.)

Rev. Dr. Dudley, of the church in Milton, Conn., says: "We are decidedly in favor of another and larger collection, and shall cheerfully contribute our thank-offering for the benefit we have received from the present fund. We have now, as an indirect result of the aid received, a prospect of securing a parsonage and thus removing one obstacle in the way of having a settled minister. Our experience leads us to hope some discretion will be left

to the Central Committee in favor of really poor churches at the East. The existence of such a fund renders it difficult to ask from our neighbors who have contributed thereto."

MASSACHUSETTS.

To three churches in this State there was granted, in the aggregate, $750. The total cost of the houses erected amounted to about $9500. Aggregate of average congregations, 310. (See *Appendix*, p. 37.)

NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

Two churches received $500, and built houses of worship costing $4400. They embrace 56 members, and have congregations of about 100 each.

OTHER STATES AND TERRITORIES.

Of the other churches aided by the surplus fund, two are in Pennsylvania, two in Illinois, two in Wisconsin, and one each in Nebraska and Kansas. The latter, with one in Massachusetts, are those before mentioned to which the appropriations have not yet been paid. (For statistics of these churches see *Appendix*, pp. 37, 38.)

Rev. Mr. Rogers, pastor of the church at Roseville, Ill., says: "The $300 received from the surplus fund has enabled the church in this place to free itself from a debt which it could not have paid for some time without great sacrifice of personal property or real estate of its members. The church is now in a very hopeful condition. Additions will probably ere long be made to its numbers from those who under its influence have been led to hope in Christ. We hope another collection will soon be made, and if so, we shall do all we can towards it."

The pastor of the church in *Emerald Grove*, Wisconsin, Rev. O. F. Curtis, says: "We should not have been able to erect our house when we did, and perhaps not at all, if your Committee and other friends at the East, had not afforded us aid. We had an interesting revival last winter, adding to the church as fruits mostly of this work, thirty-two. We rent our slips and raise most of

our salary, and have the past year, now near its close, been able for the first time to relinquish the aid of the A. H. M. Society. We have a flourishing Sabbath-school, and a church-going community, who we hope will be able to sustain a preached Gospel, which the Church-Building Fund helped us to establish and make permanent in their midst.

"May God abundantly reward all who aided and encouraged us in this blessed work."

The pastor of the First Congregational church formed in Nebraska Territory, says: "Of our congregation I can hardly speak, as we have no regular place of meeting. I have raised on the ground over $1700 beside the $300 received from the Committee, and am about to start a new subscription and expect to raise $500 more, as a considerable number of substantial citizens have come in since we circulated our paper. The success of the enterprise of planting new churches in this Territory will be naturally affected by the raising of another fund such as is contemplated. I hope and pray that it may be done.

"You may not be aware, that in this new country, the whole work almost of building churches devolves upon the minister. During the sickness of a member of my family, the whole work on our house stood still five weeks; but the work is now progressing finely, and the basement will be ready to be occupied in three or four weeks."

We have thus taken a particular survey of the results of the important measure instituted by the Albany Convention for aiding in the erection of houses of worship. By copious extracts from correspondence, we have sought to convey a more correct impression as to those results, than could be given by the Committee in any other way.

We learn from this survey, that the original fund of $50,000 has aided in the erection of 187 houses of worship, at a total cost (not including the large number that have not reported) of over $280,000; and the surplus fund of $11,891, has, in like manner, assisted in building 43 houses, at a reported cost of about $82,000; making a total of 230 houses of worship, costing about $363,000, which the fund of $61,891 has already been instrumental in building. Connected with these churches, so far as reported, (the statistics in these particulars being very incomplete,) are nearly 8000 members, (aided by original fund, 6000; by surplus, 1540;) also

average congregations amounting in the aggregate, so far as reported, to 22,423, (original fund, $17,538; surplus, $4885;) and a total of about 6500 scholars in Sabbath-schools. Full returns would largely increase these numbers.

CONCLUSION.

From a review of the results of this great work as here recorded, and a careful examination of the correspondence with the numerous churches and committees, the Committee have been led to the following conclusions:

1. That the success, both in a temporal and spiritual view, which has attended the collection and disbursement of this fund, is an evident token of the favor of the great Head of the Church, and calls for our devout acknowledgment of His goodness and wisdom, in the conception and execution of the plan.

2. That the *Bond of Union*, created and cemented by this single work among the churches of our denomination in all parts of the land, and that without diminishing our charity for others, is of itself a sufficient recompense for whatever labor and self-denial it has involved; and we are rejoiced to know that the influence of our example has already been felt elsewhere.

3. That it appears to be the unanimous voice of the churches, East and West, both those giving and those receiving, that another and larger offering for a similar purpose is demanded.

4. That, as the East has cheerfully yielded both men and means, for the great and primary work of spreading the Gospel and its institutions, in many instances to the diminution of its *own strength*, and shows no signs of withholding either; it is the opinion of this Committee that the distribution of another fund should not be limited to any *particular portion* of the country.

The Committee are persuaded that never since the great Apostle said to the Galatians, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ," has there been accomplished for this end a more cheerful work, or, for the means employed, one of more eminent usefulness.

For themselves they would say, that although it has required much care, and many of the best hours of business men, it has been a pleasure and profit, individually, for which they feel grate-

ful to the churches; and if, in the execution of their trust, their action in any case has not met the approbation or expectation of those most interested, they feel assured that it has not arisen from any conscious disregard of duty, or from any want of a sincere desire to promote the welfare of the kingdom of our common Lord and Saviour.

In behalf of the Committee,

O. E. Wood, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of the Treasurer of the FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR FUND *for building Congregational Churches.*

PRESENTED AT THE LATE CONFERENCE BY Mr. S. B. CHITTENDEN.

RECEIPTS.

Maine,	$2,232 47	
New-Hampshire,	1,711 03	
Vermont,	2,643 07	
Massachusetts,	14,227 23	
Rhode Island,	1,466 87	
Connecticut,	12,410 55	
New-York,	20,279 08	
New-Jersey,	294 00	
Pennsylvania,	35 00	
Illinois,	1,139 97	
Indiana,	70 20	
Ohio,	990 78	
Wisconsin,	599 81	
Michigan,	617 00	
Iowa,	572 44	
Missouri,	100 00	
Minnesota Territory,	16 50	
A. S. Thornton, Manchester, England,	125 00	
Sundry persons,	23 00	
Sundry churches,	52 56	
Aggregate interest items,	2,285 27	
		$61,891 83

DISBURSEMENTS.

Appropriations made by Convention and paid by the Treasurer.

Michigan,	$8,000 00	
Ohio,	8,000 00	
Iowa,	8,000 00	
Wisconsin,	8,000 00	
Illinois,	8,000 00	
Indiana,	3,000 00	
Minnesota Territory,	4,000 00	
	$47,000 00	

Appropriations from Surplus by Central Committee.

Maine,	$1,600 00	
Connecticut,	1,050 00	
Vermont,	800 00	
New-Hampshire,	500 00	
Massachusetts,	450 00	
New-York,	3,458 00	
Pennsylvania,	600 00	
Wisconsin,	500 00	
Illinois,	300 00	
	$9,258 00	
Amounts carried forward,	$56,258 00	$61,891 83

Amounts brought forward,.....	$56,258 00	$61,891 83
Appropriation Expenses.		
Printing and Postages,.....	242 38	
Rev. N. H. Eggleston, for services, etc.,.....	275 38	
D. Burgess, for Church Plans,.....	750 00	
	$1,267 76	
		$57,525 76
Balance on hand Sept. 1st, 1856,.....		$4,366 07

I have examined the above account with vouchers, and find the same correct.
NEW-YORK, *Sept.* 30, 1856. T. MCNAMEE.

Of the above balance (which includes $3000 appropriated by the Albany Convention to Missouri, and not called for) $1000 of the Surplus has been appropriated by the Central Committee, since the making up of the account on the 1st of September, to sundry churches, and $2000 of the Missouri Fund to Kansas and Nebraska, as will be more particularly explained by the Secretary; leaving at the disposal of the Committee a fraction over $300 of the Surplus, and $1000 of the Missouri Fund.

S. B. CHITTENDEN, *Treasurer.*

Statistics of the Congregational Churches aided by the $50,000 Fund.

WISCONSIN.

LOCATION OF CHURCH. *Town.*	*County.*	Appropriation.	Amount raised by the Church.	No. of Members.	Average Congregation.	Present No. of Members.	Present Average Congregation.	Children in Sab. School.
Bristol,.....	Kenosha, ...	$175 00	$1,050 00	26	100	*	...	..
Oconomowoc,.....	Waukesha,...	225 00	700 00	88	200	54	200	70
Waterford,.....	Racine,.....	194 00	1,200 00	..	100	..	...	..
Oak Grove,.....	Dodge, ...	200 00	670 00	33	70	..	125	35
Shopier, ...	Rock, ...	175 00	500 00	79	100	79	...	..
Blue Mounds,.....	Dane,.....	100 00	400 00	24	70	27	...	32
Welch Prairie, (Welch Cong. Ch.)		75 00	400 00	27	60	..	...	..
Magnolia,.....	Rock,.....	200 00	600 00	16	100	21	150	30
Centre,.....	"	144 50	500 00	33	100	39	150	20
Appleton,.....	Autagamie,..	200 00	1,100 00	35	150	62	150	60
Albany,.....	Green, ...	200 00	600 00	11	100	12	100	30
Pewaukee,.....	Waukesha,...	150 00	700 00	35	75	..	...	..
Hartford, ...	Washington,.	225 00	900 00	26	50	55	80	40
Nenah.....	Winnebago,..	208 00	825 00	25	70	28	...	35
Wyocena,.....	Columbia,....	208 00	800 00	22	100	42	110	40
Reedsbury, ...	Sauk,.....	200 00	600 00	20	60	*	...	..
Baraboo,.....	"	208 00	700 00	60	150	*	...	20
Elk Grove,.....		100 00	700 00	28	80	41	90	40
Dodgeville, (Welch)	Iowa,.....	100 00	800 00	50	130	72	130	60
Rosendale,.....	Fond Du Lac,	150 00	600 00	43	100	58	150	75
Green Lake,.....	Marquette,...	175 00	625 00	11	100	*	...	..
Wauwatosa,.....	Milwaukee,..	225 00	1,700 00	50	200	78	...	90
Oak Creek,.....	" ...	225 00	1,100 00	10	50	..	75	50
Brookfield,.....	Waukesha,...	200 00	400 00	17	75	19	...	60
Caledonia,.....	Racine,.....	200 00	700 00	†	...	..	...	..
Ixonia, (Welch).....	Jefferson,....	75 00	800 00	30	111	*	...	..
Lancaster, ...	Grant,.....	125 00	850 00	70	130	75	...	35
Oshkosh,.....	Winnebago,..	100 00	1,125 00	56	150	69	225	60
Racine,.....	Racine,.....	‡300 00	5,000 00	60	200	74	250	40
Sheboygan Falls,....	Sheboygan,..	225 00	2,000 00	50	75	72	80	35
Salem,.....	Kenosha,.....	150 00	700 00	12	75	36	140	50
Springvale,.....	Fond Du Lac,	200 00	750 00	21	100	23	...	30
Shullsburg,.....	Lafayette, ...	150 00	1,300 00	20	100	28	125	60
Milton, ...	Rock, ...	200 00	745 00	27	100	36	150	65
Patch Grove,.....		200 00	1,500 00	39	50	44	55	70
Two Rivers, ...	Manitowoc,..	200 00	600 00	11	75	12	...	45
Pike Grove, (Welch)	Kenosha, ...	50 00	200 00	23	60	22	80	25
Hartland,.....	Waukesha,...	150 00	600 00	19	75	22	...	24
Prairie Du Chien,...	Crawford,....	§300 00	.....	..	...	..	...	..
Mazomanil, ...	Dane, ...	175 00	625 00	50	...	..	100	30
Richland City, ...	Richland,....	‖125 00	400 00	..	...	..	...	..
Dodgeville, ...	Iowa,.....	175 00	900 00	22	70	22	80	60
Fox Lake,.....	Dodge,.....	175 00	425 00	20	75	39	100	..
Princeton, ...	Marquette,...	150 00	400 00	13	45	21	70	35
Allen's Grove,.....	Walworth,...	175 00	1,200 00	82	180	84	250	70
Total No. of Churches,..... 45		$7,862 50	$37,990 00	1,342	4,061			

* No Report. † No Report since organization. ‡ A Loan. ‖ Just organized, and no Report.
§ Just organized. Condition of appropriation that they raise $3000.

OHIO.

LOCATION OF CHURCH. Town.	County.	Appropriation.	Amount raised by the Church.	Male members of Church.	Total members of Church.	Size of Building. Wood. Feet.	Brick. Feet.
Windsor,	Ashtabula,	$300	$850	8	29	32 x 50	....
Bucyrus,	Crawford,	300	1,805	..	25	40 x 50	....
Euclid,	Cuyahoga,	300	2,700	19	55	....	40 x 50
Cook's Corners,	Huron,	300	1,330	..	31	25 x 55	....
Guilford,	Medina,	300	1,925	..	41	35 x 52	....
Lafayette,	"	300	1,855	..	32	38 x 52	....
Eaton,	Lorain,	300	700	7	15	....	....
Westfield,		200	2,100	..	25	40 x 50	....
Ripley,	Huron,	300	600	27	40	30 x 40	....
Wellington,	Lorain,	300	1,700	20	..	....	....
Fairfield,	Huron,	300	2,700	..	72	....	....
W. Farmington,	Trumbul,	200	700	..	..	....	....
Middlefield,	Granger,	150	....	4	13	*	....
Johnston,	Trumbul,	150	1,200	..	58	....	....
Greenbush,	Preble,	300	....	..	..	32 x 36	....
Gustavus,	Trumbul,	300	1,700	..	53	40 x 50	....
Ironton,	Lawrence,	300	2,000	..	100	30 x 55	...
Fort Recovery,	Mercer,	125	500	..	..	....	....
Fearing,	Washington,	150	300	..	20	28 x 36	....
Rawsonville,	Lorain,	300	....	..	..	....	....
Weymouth,	Medina,	280	1,000	10	27	....	....
Newbury,	Geauga,	300	2,500	9	26	38 x 50	....
Perry,	Gallia,	200	450	..	100	28 x 32	....
Berea,	Cuyahoga,	300	700	10	28	30 x 36	....
Springfield,	Clark,	300	....	..	..	....	....
Coolville,	Athens,	300	600	16	49	....	....
Pierpont,	Trumbul,	300	900	..	..	36 x 50	....
Clarksville,		300	1,500	..	..	34 x 46	....
Parkman,	Geauga,	300	....	..	..	....	....
Churches, 29		$7,755	$31,715	130	839		

* Bought out parties to a Union Church.

IOWA.

NAME AND LOCATION OF CHURCH.	Amount Loaned.	Amount Donated.	Amount raised by the Church.	No. of Church Members.
Congregational Church, Maquoketa,	....	$300	....	..
" " Le Claire,	....	300	....	..
" " Crawfordsville,	....	160	....	..
" " Eddyville,	....	300	....	..
1st Congregational Church, Pleasantville,	....	166	....	..
1st " " Knoxville,	....	240	....	..
Congregational Society, Hillsboro',	....	290	....	..
" Church, Ottumwa,	....	150	....	..
" " Fairfield,	....	300	....	..
1st Cong. Ch. of Sabula, for an edifice at Sterling,	....	75	....	..
German Evang. Society, Sherold's Mound,	....	250	....	..
" " " Centre Township,	....	175	....	..
Congregational Church, Bowen's Prairie,	....	200	..	..
" " Sabula,	....	100	$1,000	..
" " Salem,	....	300	....	..
1st Cong. Church, Wapello, Louisa Co.,	$150	....	....	..
Carried forward,	$150	$3,306	$1,000	

NAME AND LOCATION OF CHURCH.	Amount Loaned.	Amount Donated.	Amount raised by the Church.	No. of Church Members.
Brought forward,.....	$150	$3.306	$1,000	
Congregational Church, Bowen's Prairie,.....	....	100	....	..
1st Cong. Church, Wapello, Louisa Co.,.....	150	....	....	..
Congregational Church, Quashqueton,.....	....	300	....	..
1st Cong. Church, York, Delaware Co.,.....	....	225	....	..
1st " " Muscatine,.....	800	....	....	..
1st " " Sabula,.....	150	....	....	..
Congregational Society, Lansing,.....	....	300	....	..
1st Cong. Church, Wapello, Louisa Co.,.....	100	....	....	..
Congregational Church, Council Bluffs,.....	....	300	....	12
1st Cong. Church, Lyons,.....	....	300	1,700	..
1st " " Glasgow,.....	....	225	400	12
1st " " Oskaloosa,.....	....	300	....	..
1st " " Bentonspost,.....	....	300	....	..
Cong. Church, Elk River, Clinton Co.,.....	....	200	....	..
German Evang. Cong. Church, Muscatine,.....	....	300	700	19
Congregational Church, Wayne, Henry Co.,.....	....	300	839	30
" " Wilton,.....	....	300	1,200	9
" " Durant,.....	....	300	....	..
" " Elk River,.....	100	....	....	..
" " Elkadore, Clayton Co.,..	....	300	700	11
	$1,450	$7,356		
Amount returned by Muscatine Church,.....	800			
Total Loans and Donations,.....	$650	$7,356		

MICHIGAN.

LOCATION OF CHURCH.	Amount Donated.	Paid by the Societies	No. of Ch'ch Members.	Sab. Sch'l Scholars.	Average Congrega.	No. of Sittings.	Size of Building. Wood. Feet.	Size of Building. Brick. Feet.	State of Construction.
Adams,.....	$225	$550	46	70	150	200	41 x 31	.....	Completed.
Augusta, Kal. Co.,.....	280	2,600	60	40	150	2'0	— x —	.....	"
Augusta, Wash. Co.,...	275	1,025	18	30	75	250	48 x 32	.....	"
Bedford,.....	250	600	33	50	100	150	38 x 31	.....	Commenced.
Campbell's Corners,...	235	1,300	57	50	150	350	46 x 34	.....	Completed.
Cannon, ...	250	650	28	40	150	270	48 x 34	.....	"
Charlotte, ...	275	800	24	60	150	270	50 x 38	.....	"
Chesterfield, ...	275	975	39	30	120	220	40 x 30	.....	"
Cooper,.....	275	1,550	57	30	150	240	45 x 31	.....	"
Dowagiac, ...	300	1,700	63	50	150	360	60 x 38	.....	"
Genesee, ...	200	1,300	23	40	125	300	50 x 36	.....	"
Goodrich, ...	270	1,730	24	35	120	280	52 x 36	.....	Commenced.
Grand Blanc,.....	250	1,700	30	20	80	300	56 x 37	.....	Completed.
Grandville, ...	250	800	33	35	120	200	45 x 30	.....	"
Greenville,.....	300	1,700	40	40	100	250	52 x 36	.....	Commenced.
Howell,.....	300	1,000	30	40	50	250	.....	50 x 36	Completed.
Ionia,.....	275	1,700	54	45	145	400	.....	60 x 40	Commenced.
Lawrence, ...	250	2,200	42	20	75	300	.....	50 x 36	"
London, ...	275	600	25	45	100	225	52 x 32	.....	Completed.
Lowell,.....	275	1,725	8	40	100	300	50 x 38	.....	Commenced.
Memphis, ...	250	1,700	53	75	100	275	50 x 36	.....	Completed.
Newago,.....	160	2,840	5	30	80	300	50 x 36	.....	Commenced.
New-Baltimore,.....	300	2,200	11	40	110	400	.....	60 x 40	"
New-Buffalo,.....	150	300	20	45	70	180	36 x 24	.....	Completed.
New-Canandaigua, ...	275	1,740	11	40	150	250	50 x 35	.....	"
Owasso, ...	300	2,050	50	60	200	300	.....	50 x 38	"
Pinckney, ...	275	1,642	19	50	135	288	45 x 33	.....	"
Portland,.....	275	1,200	31	25	75	350	— x —	.....	"
Raisinville, ...	275	1,000	27	80	125	300	48 x 30	.....	"
Ransom, ...	250	600	28	30	80	200	55 x 30	.....	Commenced.
Utica,.....	200	2,625	28	40	75	280	54 x 36	.....	"
Vienna,.....	300	950	38	40	120	230	50 x 34	.....	Completed.
Watervliet, ...	275	725	27	40	80	240	41 x 31	.....	Commenced.
Churches,..... 33	$8,570	$45,777	1,082	1,405	3,690	8,958			

THE following is the circular referred to in the report for Michigan, with the exception of the names of the State and local committees:

"ANN ARBOR, 15th June, 1853.

"THE STATE COMMITTEE, recently appointed by the General Association of Michigan to disburse the money apportioned to this State from the fund of $50,000 for the erection of Church Edifices in the West, *request especial attention* to the following particulars, by those Societies intending to apply for aid from this Fund:

"1. Not more than $300 can be granted for the erection of any one House of Worship.

"2. In no case can a sum be granted, which is greater than one half of the available subscription raised for the erection of their House of Worship, by the Society applying.

"3. No sum whatever can be granted until the Committee are made sure that the House, for the erection of which aid is asked, will be completed free from all debts and encumbrances. See No. 11.

"4. In order that the greatest number of Societies may be aided in the erection of Houses of Worship, the Committee earnestly request that the application in each case be for the smallest sum that will suffice.

"5. Each application should state the amount of reliable subscriptions raised—the size of the House which it is proposed to build—the material—the general plan and style—and when to be completed. Also the population of the place—the number of members in the Church—the ecclesiastical body with which the Church is connected—what other Church Organizations and Church Edifices within five miles—and whatever other facts will contribute to make the Committee most fully acquainted with the real need of aid in the particular case.

"6. The application for aid should be made to "*The State Committee for disbursing the Church Building Fund.*" It should be signed by the legally chosen Trustees of the Society. The date should give the County, as well as the town or village. The Committee would also be glad to receive from the Minister or Deacons of the Church, or from any interested individuals, such collateral statements as they may see fit to make.

"7. When an application is fully made out by the Trustees, it must be placed in the hands of the *Local Committee* for the Association within whose bounds the Society applying is situated; and it is made the duty of that Committee to acquaint themselves with the case, and report fully to the State Committee such further facts and circumstances as they think pertinent—and their judgment as to the amount of aid which should be granted.

"8. The State Committee will meet from time to time, as they receive applications made out in due form, from the hands of the Local Committees, with their reports accompanying, and act upon them. The Committee will authorize the Trustees of those Societies to which they grant aid, to draw on their Treasurer, S. M. Holmes, Esq., of Detroit, for the sum granted, immediately after the Bond is given.

"9. In some cases the Committee may deem it expedient to loan money without interest for a limited period, on good security, to Societies applying for aid, to whom they might not judge it proper to make a grant.

"10. The State Committee expect soon to receive from the Central Committee in New-York, a supply of their volume of *Plans and Specifications* for the erection of Church Edifices, prepared expressly to meet the wants of those Societies that receive aid from this Fund; and they request that Societies applying for aid, in all cases in which they have not already advanced far in their work, apply also for a copy of this book.

"11. The Committee require the Trustees of any Society to which they grant aid, to give a Bond for the repayment of the money granted, within two years from the date of the Bond—unless the Trustees shall furnish the Committee, within that time, evidence that they have erected their House of Worship, and have the same free from all debt or encumbrance. Such evidence being furnished, the Bond will be cancelled and given up. The Committee will send a *blank* Bond to any Board of Trustees to whom they decide to grant aid; and when the same is filled out and returned, the Committee will send to such Trustees a draft for the money.

"12. Any Society applying for aid, should state whether they are organized according to the statute of the State—whether their board of Trustees has been legally chosen—and whether they have a good legal title to their building-lot.

INDIANA.

Donated to German Congregational Church, Indianapolis,		$300 00
" Ontario Church, Lagrange Co.,		300 00
" West Vigo Church, Vigo Co.,		200 00
" Congregational Church, Terre Haute,		300 00
" Buenavista Church,		250 00
Loaned to German Church, Indianapolis,		500 00
" Congregational Church, Terre Haute,		1,000 00
		$2,850 00
Returned by the German Church, Indianapolis,	$585 33	
Received from Central Committee,	3,000 00	
	$3,585 33	
Deduct Donations and Loans,	2,850 00	
Balance in Treasury,	$735 33	

ILLINOIS.

LOCATION OF CHURCH.	Appropriation.	Total cost of Building.	No. of members.	Average Congregation.
Brimfield, Peoria Co.,	$250 00	$2,800	133	150
New England Church, Chicago,	250 00	2,500	50	150
Puritan Church, Chicago,	250 00	1,000	...	...
Free Church, Ottowa,	250 00	* 3,000	104	200
Barre, Pike Co.,	150 00	1,000	20	150
Barrington, Cook Co.,	250 00	1,250	32	85
Batavia, Kane Co.,	100 00	11,000	80	200
Dundee, Kane Co.,	250 00	2,900	77	150
Oswego, Kendall Co.,	150 00	2,000	30	120
Burlington, Lake Co.,	250 00	1,000	20	50
Roscoe, Winnebago Co.,	200 00	1,000	35	100
Woodburn, Macoupin Co.,	250 00	1,800	58	75
Crete, Will Co.,	150 00	1,200	50	100
Elida, Winnebago Co.,	250 00	1,500	40	150
La Harpe, Hancock Co.,	250 00	1,200	32	150
Toulon, Stark Co.,	150 00	1,800	90	125
Newton, Adams Co.,	200 00	1,500	35	100
Knoxville, Knox Co.,	150 00	2,000	36	100
Big Rock, Kane Co.,	150 00	600	23	125
Henry, Marshall Co.,	250 00	3,000	32	125
Bloomingdale, Dupage Co.,	150 00	2,000	80	100
Union Grove, Whitesides Co.,	200 00	1,000	20	60
Newbury, Peoria Co.,	200 00	800	...	...
Belvidere, Winnebago Co.,	200 00	1,400	28	75
Chesterfield, Macoupin Co.,	250 00	1,500	45	100
Bristol, Kendall Co.,	250 00	2,000	70	130
Plymouth, Hancock Co.,	200 00	2,500	85	175
Wythe, Hancock Co.,	250 00	1,400	35	100
Montebello, Hancock Co.,	250 00	1,800	43	100
Chicago, (Car-works),	250 00	2,000	30	100
Savannah, Carroll Co.,	250 00	1,000	20	75
Cambridge, Henry Co.,	250 00	3,500	39	150
Port Byron, Rock Island Co.,	250 00	2,000	39	120
Como, Whitesides Co.,	250 00	1,500	21	112
Lacon Bridge, Newhall Co.,	250 00	2,500	90	150
Urbanna, Champaigne Co.,	200 00	2,000	35	200
Rockport and Atlas, Pike Co.,	250 00	1,200	30	75
Jericho, Kane Co.,	250 00	2,000	25	60
Roseville, Warren Co.,	35 03	2,500	42	200
Travelling expenses of Committee,	28 00	....	..	..
Churches, ... 39	$8,363 03	$78,650	1,757	4,487

* Debt of $2000 more.

General Summary.

STATE OR TERRITORY.	No. of Ch'ches.	Appropriations.	Raised by Societies.	Church Members.	Average Congregations.	Sabbath School Scholars.
Wisconsin,	45	$7,862 50	$37,990	1,342	4,061	1,521
Ohio,	29	7,755 00	31,715	839	....	....
Iowa,	36	8,006 00	36,000	980	5,300	1,760
Michigan,	33	8,570 00	45,777	1,082	3,690	1,405
Illinois,	39	8,363 00	70,650	1,757	4,487	....
Indiana,	5	3,000 00	16,000	....	....	....
Minnesota,	..	4,000 00	.....	....	....	....
	187	$47,556 50	$238,132 in 181 Societies.	6,000 in 169 Ch'ches.	17,538 in 122 Cong's.	4,686 in 114 S. S.
Average to each Ch., etc.		$233 00	$1,316	35	144	41

Statistics of Churches receiving aid from the SURPLUS FUND.

CHURCHES.	Donations.	Raised by Society.	No. of Members.	Average Congregation.	No. in Sabbath School.
VERMONT.					
West-Charleston,	$300	$1,700	16	100	40
Plainfield,	200	2,300	..	125	50
Island Pond, (Brighton,)	200	2,000	..	75	..
Lowell,	100	400	..	125	40
Total, Churches, 4	$800	$6,400		425	130
MAINE.					
Mechanics' Falls,	$200	$1,950	47	115	72
Rockport, (Camden,)	200	1,700	23	100	45
Turner,	200	2,500 needed.	78	125	80
Blanchard,	100	....	53	75	60
Bradford,	50	....	30	175	30
West-Brooksville,	150	1,350	72	100	75
Sumner,	100	....	77	150	50
Wilton,	200	2,300*	65	100	60
Monmouth,	200	1,800*	31	75	50
Springfield,	200	1,300*	18	150	30
Total, Churches, 10	$1,600	$5,000 raised.	494	1,165	552
NEW-YORK.					
Little Valley,	$300	$2,700	39	100	20
North-Lawrence,	300	1,200	30	100	50
Owego,	300	6,700	143	250	125
Greenport, L. I.,	258	1,000	35	70	40
" " Colored Church,	200	600	18	30	25
Upper Jay,	300	2,000	24	75	40
Oramel,	300	....	..	..	..
Alleghany,	300	....	..	..	..
Suspension Bridge,	300	3,500	26	250	120
Syracuse, Plymouth Church,	300	3,800	165	350	75
Rochester,	300	....	..	..	..
West-Java,	300	1,500	41	125	50
Total, Churches, 12	$3,458	$23,000	521	1,350	545
CONNECTICUT.					
Broad Brook,	$300	$3,200	54	200	75
Pequonnock,	300	5,000	57	75	60
West-Stafford,	250	3,000	37	85	35
Milton,	200	1,530	34	200	28
Total, Churches, 4	$1,050	$12,730	182	560	198
MASSACHUSETTS.					
New-Salem,	$250	$1,750	..	100	50
Dana,	200	3,300	80	110	60
East-Taunton, (unpaid),	200	3,800	..	100	..
Total, Churches, 3	$650	$8,850	80	310	110
NEW-HAMPSHIRE.					
Alton,	$300	$2,700	9	100	45
Danbury,	200	1,200	47	125	90
Total, Churches, 2	$500	$3,900	56	225	135
PENNSYLVANIA.					
Bradford, McKean Co.,	$300	$800	..	100	40
Cambridge,	300	....	40	200	40
Total, Churches, 2	$600	$800	40	300	80

* Estimated to cost.

Statistics, Etc.—Continued.

CHURCHES.	Donations.	Raised by Society.	No. of Members.	Average Congregation.	No. in Sabbath School.
ILLINOIS.					
Roseville,	$300	$2,200	40	200	60
Nora,	250	1,500	27	150	..
Total, Churches, 2	$550	$3,700	67	350	60
WISCONSIN.					
Emerald Grove,	$200	$1,800	70	..	..
East-Troy,	300	5,500	70	200	40
Total, Churches, 2	$500	$7,300	140	200	40
NEBRASKA.					
Omaha City,	$300	..	..	..	.
KANSAS.					
Lawrence, (unpaid),	$300	....	..	..	.
Grand Total, Churches, 43	$10,308	$71,680 in 30 Churches.	1,540 in 32 Churches.	4,485 in 37 Congregations.	1,848 in 34 S. Sch's.
Average to each Church, etc.,	$240	$2,389	48	132	54
Grand Total, for $50,000 Fund, 187	$47,556	$238,132	6,000	17,588	4,686
Total for both Funds, 230	$57,864	$309,812 in 211 Societies,	7,540 in 202 Churches.	22,423 in159 Congregations.	6,534 in 148 S. Sch's.
General average to each Church, etc., for both Funds,	$234	$1,468	37	141	44

IOWA.

Statistical Table of Churches aided by the Iowa Church Building Fund.

THE following Statistical Table has been received from Iowa since the above was in type, and as it is much more full, though differing slightly, it is deemed best to incorporate it with this Report.

LOCATION OF CHURCH.	Date of Organization.	Minister.	No. of Members.	Males.	Females.	Average Congrega.	Size of Lot.	Size of Edifice.	Amount Raised.	Amount Donated	Amount Loaned.	Time of Completion.	Estimated Cost.	Material.
Maquoketa, Jackson Co.,	Nov. 30, 1843	J. W. Windsor, S. S.,	28	11	17	80	60 x 120	32 x 50	$1,340 00	$225	$75	Oct., 1853	$1,640 00	Brick.
Le Claire, Scott Co.,	Sept. 2, 1849	L. R. White, S. S.,	35	17	18	..	60 x 140	26 x 42	615 16	300	...	Oct., 1, 1853	900 00	Frame.
Crawfordville, Washington Co.,	April 3, 1842	W. A. Westervelt, S. S.,	52	25	27	..	....	28 x 38	657 00	160	...	.....	817 00	Frame.
Eddyville, Wapello Co.,	Feb. 3, 1845	J. T. Cook, P.,	23	7	16	..	130 x 160	25 x 30	850 00	300	...	.....	1,150 00	Brick.
Pleasantville, Marion Co.,	Jan. 8, 1851	C. Burnham, S. S.,	14	5	9	..	44 x 78	22 x 28	184 90	166	...	June 1, 1854	350 00	Frame.
Knoxville, Marion Co.,	Aug. 8, 1852	C. Burnham, S. S.,	12	5	7	..	60 x 120	28 x 36	485 25	240	...	Sept. 1, 1854	785 74	Frame.
Hillsboro', Henry Co.,	Jan. 15, 1853	J. C. Cooper, S. S.,	30	12	18	..	125 x 150	30 x 40	680 00	290	...	June 1, 1854	1,075 00	Frame.
Ottumwa, Wapello Co.,	Feb. 15, 1846	B. A. Spalding, P.,	43	15	28	..	49 x 198	28 x 34	858 00	...	150	Completed.	1,018 49	Frame.
Fairfield, Jefferson Co.,	Dec. 21, 1839	Charles H. Gates, S. S.,	28	12	16	..	164 x 132	40 x 54	1,700 00	300	...	.....	2,000 00	Frame.
Sabula, (Ft. Sterling,) Jackson Co.,	Dec. 14, 1845	O. Emerson, S. S.,	23	7	16	..	100 x 100	28 x 34	500 00	75	...	Mar. 1, 1854	575 00	Frame.
Bowen's Prairie, Jones Co.,	Mar. 23, 1853	T. H. Camfield, S. S.,	15	6	9		180 x 120	26 x 40	600 00	300	...	Nov, 1, 1854	900 00	Frame.
Sherold's Mound, Dubuque Co.,	Sept. 9, 1849	A. Frowein, S. S.,	70	37	33	75	2 acres.	25 x 40	320 00	250	...	Nov. 20, 1853	750 00	Stone.
Centre Township, " "	Feb. 16, 1852	" "	19	10	9	30	1 acre.	20 x 30	200 00	175	...	Oct. 15, 1853	428 00	Hewed Logs.
Sabula, Jackson Co.,	Dec. 14, 1845	O. Emerson, S. S.,	16	6	10	50	50 x 125	29 x 39	675 00	100	...	Jan. 1, 1855	775 00	Cement.
Salem, Henry Co.,	May 29, 1853	J. C. Cooper, S. S.,	8	4	4	..	74 x 144	27 x 36	615 00	300	...	Oct. 1, 1854	925 00	Brick.
Wapello, Louisa Co.,	May 7, 1853	E. C. A. Woods, S. S.,	15	8	7	70	74 x 148	30 x 40	900 00	300	100	April 1, 1855	1,400 00	Brick.
Quashqueton, Buchanan Co.,	Jan. 26, 1853	A. Wright, S. S.,	28	9	19	150	50 x 150	25 x 40	600 00	300	...	Dec. 1, 1854	1,000 00	Brick.
York, Delaware Co.,	Jan. 23, 1848	H. N. Gates, S. S.,	20	9	11	60	2 acres.	25 x 35	450 00	225	...	Jan. 1, 1855	675 00	Frame.
Lansing, Allamakee Co.,	May 15, 1853	T. Lyman, S. S.,	7	3	4	60	80 x 80	.....	600 00	300	...	Jan. 1, 1856	900 00	.....
Council Bluffs,	June 5, 1853	George G. Rice,	12	5	7	60	50 x 102	34 x 40	1,500 00	300	...	Sept. 1, 1855	1,800 00	Brick.
Glasgow,	May 21, 1853	I. C. Cooper,	12	5	7	40	50 x 132	.....	400 00	225	...	May 21, 1856	625 00	.....
Lyons,	May 4, 1854	I. C. Strong,	37	11	26	100	187 x 187	40 x 50	620 00	300	...	Sept. 1, 1856	920 00	Brick.
Oskaloosa,	.....	W. A. Westervelt,	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	...	*300	.....	.....	.....
Elk River,	Dec. 9, 1854	Lucius Parker,	12	3	9	60	¼ acre.	26 x 30	360 00	100	100	Dec. 31, 1855	560 00	.....
Bentonsport,	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	300	...	.....	†	.....
German Evan. Church, Muscatine,	Dec. 7, 1854	C. F. Vietz,	19	10	9	50	35 x 60	.....	700 00	300	...	June 20, 1856	1,000 00	.....
Wayne, Henry Co.,	Oct. 7, 1854	E. P. Smith,	30	18	12	75	165 x 165	30 x 34	839 00	250	...	Jan. 1, 1857	1,310 00	Frame.
Wilton, Muscatine Co.,	June 20, 1856	D. Knowls,	9	6	3	100	60 x 140	... .	1,200 00	300	...	Oct. 1, 1857	1,500 00	Frame.
Durant, Scott Co.,	June —, 1856	I. S. Whittlesey,	19	10	9	..	64 x 150	32 x 45	800 00	300	...	Jan., 1857	1,100 00	Frame.
Elkadore, Clayton Co.,	Mar. 12, 1856	D. B. Davidson,	11	4	7	100	66 x 130	.....	700 00	300	...	Jan. 1, 1857	1,000 00	Frame.
Sabula Churches,	.....	O. Emerson,	..	..	..	..	....	.....	....	...	‡250	.....	...	.....
Washington,	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	....	.....	....	§300	...	.....	....	.....
			647	280	367				‖$19,949 81	$7,281	$975		$27,879 23	

* Loaned to purchase lot with.
§ Part paid.
† Reports not in.
‡ Two loans for small Churches.
‖ More has been received since, by almost all of the Churches, but not included in this Report.

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